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SUBJECT: RWANDAN GENOCIDE SUSPECT TO BE EXTRADITED FROM SWEDEN

Minister of Justice Beatrice Ask announced on July 8 that Sylvere Ahorugeze, a Rwandan national, will be extradited within three weeks to Rwanda, where he is suspected of having been one of the leaders of a Hutu extremist group involved in the genocide. Ask said that Sweden is the first European country to extradite a suspected genocide criminal to Rwanda.

Sweden's Supreme Court ruled that the Rwandan justice system has made great improvements to its legal system and there is nothing in Swedish or European law that prevents such a suspect from being extradited.

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